The Member further stated that adequate funds were not sanctioned for the progress and development of the Agricultural department. He believed that, if the lands in the State were cultivated on scientific lines, and if the Government lands in the hilly tracts and by the sides of the backwaters were cultivated by the Government direct, there would be no necessity to import paddy.

He did not think that the re-settlement which would commence from 1100 M. E., would be necessary, if it be to establish the proprietory rights of the owners, as the present Assistant Tahsildars would be quite sufficient for the purpose. If it be to increase the land tax, he said that the re-settlement was undesirable, as it would be throwing an additional burden on the already oppressed ryots.

Dewan's reply.—Most of the points referred to by the Member have been already replied to. The other matters referred to by him will receive due consideration.

5. Necessity for the establishment of a State Bank.

Mr. Nainan Eippu (Member, Trading Classes, Kottayam) thanked the Government for taking steps to depute an officer to study the system of State Banks in Mysore and Baroda. He, therefore, wished only to make a few observations regarding the State Bank to be started in Travancore. Branches of the State Bank should be opened as early as possible in the important trading centres, such as Quilon, Kottayam and Alleppey, and in other places decided upon by the Government. The Government should lend money at reasonable rates of interest from the State Bank to the native banks in proportion to the capital of the latter. Government should also fix a standard rate in the matter of discount, commission, interest, &c. With a view to encourage industrial education in the country, capable and qualified young men should be employed as officers in the Bank. He also advocated that, with the establishment of the State Bank, Government funds should not be invested outside Travancore.

Sahib Bahadur N. Siddick Sait (Member, Municipal Council, Kayankulam) said that, as Government had already taken steps in the matter, he had not anything more to say than to convey his thanks to Government for the action taken.

Dewan's reply.—The State has already taken steps to depute an officer to visit Mysore and Baroda and to study the working of the State Banks there. On his return the Government will consider what further action they should take in the matter.

II. MAIN HEADS OF REVENUE.

(1) Land Revenue.

6. The difficulties experienced in the matter of puduval registry and the need for postponing the passing of the Revised Puduval Rules till the necessary modifications are effected.

Mr. Mathevan Krishnan (Member, Neyyattinkara Taluk) first spoke about the Land Assignment Bill. The Bill, though strongly opposed by the non-official Members of the Legislative Council, had been accepted by the Council and referred to a Select Committee, on the understanding that the necessary modifications might be made in the Committee and subsequently in the Council. It was of the utmost importance that the defective and objectionable portions in the Bill and in the Puduval Rules should be expunged or suitably modified, and the important provisions relating to principles embodied in the Bill and a few clauses for regulating the procedure alone issued in the form of Rules. The definition given in Section 2 of the Bill appears to include, under poramboke, the tanks, canals, bunds, banks, pathways, etc., forming part of registered holdings. The same provision occurred in Section 3 of the Land Conservancy Regulation. The definition shou'd be altered so as to make it inapplicable to private tanks, canals, etc. Section 5, Clause 2, and the exception thereto enunciated an altogether new provision, namely, that a registry would not be complete until the patta or other title deed was granted. The statement of objects and reasons appended to the Bill

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